



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

**Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Term 2 Week 5  
18<sup>th</sup> May,  
2017*

The term is in full swing with a number of events taking place. This afternoon from 5 -6.30pm there is a community meeting to update everyone on the progress of the Education Precinct. There will be light refreshments available and a chance to ask the three school principals and the architect any questions or concerns you have.

Over the next few weeks, students will be completing the 'Attitude to School' survey which is designed to gain insight into student perceptions. We value all forms of student voice, which has resulted in a number of changes to our curriculum and activities program. One of those changes was the introduction of Drama last year and the school production returning in September this year. We have also had a number of students express an interest in music. Sourcing a teacher has been difficult, but we have a volunteer guitar tutor (John Butcher) who has helped out in this area and we have a fully qualified voice/piano teacher who is available for lessons. If you are interested in either of these programs, please contact me or let the office know.

The community forum, "It's Time We Talk" with Maree Crabbe was incredibly valuable, whilst somewhat confronting, for those that attended. The website, <http://www.itstimewetalked.com.au/> has a range of resources available for young people, schools and parents. The school will also be purchasing some materials to lend to parents who would appreciate the support. The key message I took away from it, was that whilst we should make every attempt to limit unrestricted and private device usage, it is simply not possible to stop young people seeing porn, either willingly or unwillingly. Unless we talk to young people about what respectful relationships are, including sexual activity, then young people will absorb the misleading, violent and imbalanced views they see in pornography.

**Michael Briggs-Miller**

Principal

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We are up to 808 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already "liked" our page make, sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

## ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

### Education Week.

As I mentioned in last weeks newsletter, Education Week will be celebrated from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of May across all Victorian schools. Our school will also be opening up the following classes/opportunities:

- Monday
  - Y9 Pace walk (Period 3-6 and BBQ after school at 6pm)
  - Superkick at lunchtime
  - Production Sneak peek 4:30 -5pm
- Tuesday
  - Yr 12 Psychology class (Period 5)
  - Superkick at lunchtime
- Wednesday
  - Wellbeing team Breakfast 8-8:45am.
  - Yr 7 Food Technology (Period 3 and 4)
- Friday
  - Yr 7 Drama (Period 2). Invite only.

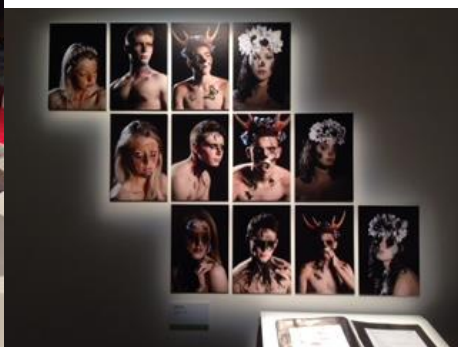
If you would like to view any of these classes, please call the office on 5398 1433 and we will organise a staff member or student to direct you to the class on your arrival.

### Photo day

A reminder that school photo's will be taken on **Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May**. Students were given their photo forms last week. Orders can be made by filling out the appropriate information on the envelope and returning it to the photographer on the day. Extra forms are available at the office.

### Top arts excursion

A huge thank-you to Ms Thompson and Mrs Wardle for taking the VCE Studio Art and VCD students to the Top Arts exhibition in Melbourne last Friday. From all reports our students had a valuable experience and viewing the folio's was a real highlight.



### Exams

Information including timetables will be handed out and discussed in Year level assemblies on Monday. If your child does not receive theirs, can they please see Ms Wardle or myself as soon as possible

**Heath Schulz**

Acting Assistant Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

In the middle school years, we are constantly seeking opportunities for students to engage with the community. This week, our Year 8 students attended a “WheelTalk” session at the stadium with Jason, a wheelchair bound athlete.

WheelTalk provides an understanding of disability, disability sports, and health through active participation. Jason was in a severe motorbike accident and shared his story with the students.

The students then had the opportunity to participate in a game of wheelchair basketball with Jason. This experience helped build students’ empathy and understanding of others as well as strengthening their own teamwork and collaboration as a group.



You may have heard of the newest fad with students: fidget spinners. These are spinning devices that come in a variety of shapes and colours. The devices have been marketed as a way to help students focus in class, particularly students with ADHD. However, there is no conclusive research or evidence to support this claim. In fact, many researchers have pointed out that the fidget spinners may cause more of a distraction than anything else, as one clinical psychologist notes:

“Using a spinner-like gadget is more likely to serve as a distraction than a benefit for individuals with ADHD,” Mark said, since it takes attention away from what kids should be focused on. He finds full body movement — like cycling or running — engages the brain regions involved in focus. That’s not the same as a flick of the thumb.’

As a school, we have found the fidget spinners to be a distraction and they are taking away from students’ learning. Thus, we have decided that these devices are not allowed in classes. If your student has a fidget spinner, please talk to them about this and ensure that they are keeping the spinners in their bags or in their locker.

You can read more about this new phenomenon in this article: <https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2017/5/3/15529506/fidget-spinners-trend-science>

### **Whitney Munroe**

Assistant Principal of Middle School

## **Music Lessons at Warracknabeal Secondary College**

Mr Shane Worthy, who has a Bachelor of Education and Associate Certificate in Voice is happy to offer singing and piano lessons at Warracknabeal Secondary College. Mr Worthy has taught both piano and voice at many prestigious schools in Melbourne and Geelong and has performed in many shows and competitions with outstanding success. Any student who is interested in having piano and singing lessons are to contact Mr Briggs-Miller to register their interest.



# Careers Report

## **Deakinspire – July School holiday events**

Deakin University Burwood and Geelong Campuses are offering workshops aimed at Year 10, 11 and 12 students about empowering students to reach their potential and inspire with exciting ideas of how their futures could look. Hosted by Andy and Ben from “The Block” (who are both Deakin Graduates). There are seven different guest speakers from various backgrounds as well as study area workshops.

Melbourne Burwood Campus is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Look up: [www.deakin.edu.au/deakinspire](http://www.deakin.edu.au/deakinspire) for further information.

## **ACU University Experience Days**

ACU's Ballarat and Melbourne campuses will again be hosting University Experience days. These days are a great opportunity for students in years 10, 11 and 12 to try some of the courses and hear from current students of ACU. Participants will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in two workshops of their choice and visit the campus. Parents are also welcome to join in with their own session running in the morning. For a full list of workshops and to register, please visit [acu.edu.au/uni-experience](http://acu.edu.au/uni-experience) from the 22nd May.

## **Gap Year in the Army, Navy and Air Force:**

The Australian Defence Force Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished Year 12 to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year in the Army, Navy or Air Force. You will earn more than \$45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage. There are 13 roles available and applications are now open. For more information and to apply, go to <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gap-year/>

## **Work Experience**

Year 10 students (not going on Melbourne Trip) and Year 11 students will have a week of work experience at the end of Term 2. Year 10 from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June and Year 11 from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June. It is not too early to start arranging these placements. Think outside the square and challenge yourself to a placement outside of Warracknabeal. Talk to your family/friends/relatives about where you can work for a week and get the ball rolling. It is an exciting time for you to begin to explore all the different careers out there, you never know, you might find your “dream career”!! If you need any help please see me in the Careers Office in the Library.

## **Preliminary Date – Wimmera Careers Expo**

The 2017 Wimmera Careers Expo is being held once again in the last week of Term 2 on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Events Centre Longerenong. All Year 9, 10 & 12 students will be attending (Year 11 will be on Work Experience). Our Special Guest this year is AFL Womens player Moana Hope from the Collingwood Football Club. Further information to follow in future newsletters.

## **Job Opportunities**

Skillinvest on behalf of three Horsham businesses are seeking expressions of interest from students for the following positions:

- Certificate 2 Automotive Vehicle Servicing apprenticeship
- Certificate 3 Hospitality apprenticeship
- Horticulture (Turf Management) apprenticeship

For further details contact Shane Cross at Skillinvest 0418 564 890

**Applications close Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.**

## **Nicole Stewart**

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning



## BOYS NETBALL

12.05.2017

Last Friday, a group of Year Nine boys made their way to the Horsham City Netball courts to take part in the Black Ranges Boys Netball. The boys played three games, in which they were all tried in different positions to get a feel for a sport which none of them were really too familiar with. We played our first game against St Brigid's College, in which they proved to be too strong for us, scoring 24 goals to our four goals. Our next game was against Horsham College A, where the boys were a bit more competitive, but HC still came out on top, winning 11 goals to just the two goals. In our final game, we took on Horsham College B, and we went on to play our best game for the day, but were unable to prevail, as we lost four goals to 11 goals. Abin 'Buckets' Abraham was our unofficial player of the day, and provided something for the highlight reel in Game three, shooting three long-range goals in the first half. Unfortunately, one of those goals was disallowed due to him taking about four steps with the ball before the shot. All in all, the boys had a fun day, and are keen to hopefully come back again next year, now with a year's experience under their belt. Big thank-you to Mr Winsall for driving the bus over on the day and also to Jane Richardson for taking time out to umpire the games.



## INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL/NETBALL

15.05.2017

On Monday, Year Nine and Ten students took the trip down the Borung Highway to a rather sunny Horsham to play in the Black Ranges Intermediate AFL 9's and Netball. AFL 9's consists of both teams playing with nine a side on a modified playing field. The WSC boys were the best team on the day, going through the day undefeated after beating Murtoa College in the final. The boys finished 6-0 and had a



healthy 962.5% to go with that result. Charlie Penny was awarded the medal for Best Player for WSC, kicking eight goals across the six games while also gathering plenty of the footy. He also took a screamer in the game against Edenhope, which is sure to be on the news in the coming days. I must mention that each of the ten footballers kicked a goal which was a great achievement, showing that the boys displayed plenty of teamwork on the day and also showed great sportsmanship. Each of the players were also tried in the three positions throughout the day, which will help transform their overall game. The boys were rewarded for a very

successful day with a trip to McDonalds. A big thank-you goes to Mr Shannon for driving the bus over and being a fantastic goal umpire, he had great technique. Might be something he considers later down the track.

### RESULTS:

GAME 1:WSC 5.4.34 def Holy Trinity 1.0.6

Goals: Tyson Michael 2, Patrick Lindsay 1, Charlie Penny 1, Kael Zanker 1.

GAME 2:WSC 4.9.33 def St Brigid's A 0.1.1

Goals: Max McCoy 1, Charlie Penny 1, Dane Stewart 1, Lachlan Stewart 1.

GAME 3:WSC 5.8.38 def Dimboola 1.3.9

Goals: Sam Cooper 1, Max McCoy 1, Charlie Penny 1, Lachlan Stewart 1, Kael Zanker 1.

GAME 4:WSC 9.4.58 def St Brigid's B 1.0.6

Goals: Charlie Penny 3, Matthew Penny 3, Lachlan Golder 2, Dane Stewart 1.

GAME 5: WSC 6.3.39 def Edenhope 0.0.0

Goals: Matthew Penny 3, Dane Stewart 2, Lachlan Stewart 1.

GAME 6: WSC 4.5.29 def Murtoa 0.2.2 (Grand Final)

Goals: Charlie Penny 2, Patrick Lindsay 1, Lachlan Stewart 1.



With a highly versatile and lively squad, the Year 9/10 girl's netball team had a successful and fun filled day on Monday. Up the attacking end, shooters Madi Wilson and Olivia McConville and Casey 'Quickhands' Quick moved well in the ring, converting accurate passes from the mid-courtiers into goals. Sarah McPherson, Brooke 'GoGoGadget Arms' Morrow and Caitlin Marshall provided strong drive and confident leads throughout the midcourt. Emilie Daniel, Rose Sleep and Imogen Holland worked tirelessly up the defensive end, scoring multiple rebounds and intercepts for the day. Coaches Prani and Kiarna did a

fantastic job taking the lead and effortlessly gave advice, feedback, and support to the team. All girls worked hard all day and should be commended on their sportsmanship exhibited all day. They finished with a four win, two loss record for the day; a great effort. A big thankyou to Ireland Powell for putting her hand up to umpire the girls, and also to Miss Emmett for transporting the team over too.

#### RESULTS:

GAME 1:	WSC	17 goals	def	Kaniva	1 goal
GAME 2:	WSC	11 goals	def by	St Brigid's A	23 goals
GAME 3:	WSC	12 goals	def	Edenhope	6 goals
GAME 4:	WSC	9 goals	def	St Brigid's B	5 goals
GAME 5:	WSC	16 goals	def	Murtoa	14 goals
GAME 6:	WSC	9 goals	def by	Dimboola	17 goals

Well done to all teams that participated in the sports over the past week. There is plenty more sport still to come in this term, so watch this space.

**Will Richardson** 😊

Sports Assistant



**English Support** is available every Tuesday in Room 11 at lunch times with **Cindy Zhou**

**Maths Support** every Tuesday & Thursday with **John Bish** ..... All Welcome

# **VCAL**

We are now well into term 2 and we have a couple of excursions coming up for VCAL.

Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> we are taking a bus of VCAL students to Hopetoun College to visit their VCAL program. All excursion forms have been handed out. Please return these by Friday.

June – Charlton driving school, forms will come out next week for this event. Students have the opportunity to attend a full day of professional driving instruction for the cost of \$40. This is again subsidised by the school and students do not need their L-plates to participate.

Excursions are an important part of education as it allows students to experience a wider range of activities, enhances learning and knowledge and exposes them to different situations and people. All aspects of working in the 'real' world.

## **Lateness to class**

There are a number of students who arrive late to school. School starts at 8.55 am and students that come late to class will need to start making this time up at lunch and recess.

## **Work Placement**

We have experienced a great deal of success with our work placement program. Nicole has worked hard to ensure that students are matched with work places and is often seen taking students to interviews and visiting work sites.

Please note – from term 2 students that do not have a work placement are expected at school. They are to visit Nicole and discuss options and are to attend the classes that are running that day in VCAL. Students need to see me if they need to make alternative arrangements.

## **Uniform**

VCAL students are expected to attend school in full uniform. Uniform should be clean. If this is not possible then students are to bring a note and see Mr Schulz for a daily uniform pass. Students will be given 2 warnings and then they will be asked to wear uniform that the school supplies for the day.

## **School Buses**

The school buses are for bringing students to school to attend school. Students that are using the bus to attend school and then leaving the school grounds will not be able to use the bus to get back home again. Please be aware that alternative arrangements will need to be made for pick up if this occurs and contact will be made to inform you of this.

## **Progress Reports**

There have been a number of progress reports sent home this term. We would appreciate you speaking with your student about their progress and work ethic and attitude to learning.

‘Don’t bother finishing that work’ – said NO BOSS EVER

## **On a positive note**

Students in the canteen have been doing an awesome job, lots of great food and even coffees happening this week – fantastic job to Julie Pearson and the team.

Projects that are coming along nicely include a sarcophagus wood working cabinet, burn out car, repairing a generator, girls shine project, VCAL web page, end of year VCAL yearbook.

Thanks to all those parents who are returning my texts/phone calls, and keeping the lines of communication open - awesome job.

Thanks

**Lisa Sanders**

**VCAL co-ordinator**

# Calendar of Events



<b>May</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Photos
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Black Ranges X Country
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Boys/Girls Basketball
<b>June</b>	5-9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 10-11 Exams
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Charlton Drive School VCAL
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday (No school)
	13-16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 12 Exams
	14 <sup>th</sup>	GAT
	19-23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr. 10 Melbourne Trip
	19-23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr. 10 Work Experience
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 2

## Young Achiever Awards – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017



### BRONZE AWARDS

Year 7 – Josiah Keam & Dylan Watts

Year 8 – Jack Hadley, Brooklyn Hallam, Brooke Laney, Connor McGinniss, Erika Nilssen & Ben Williamson

Year 9 – Sarah McPherson

Year 10 – Briana Batiancila, Patrick Lindsay, Ireland Powell & Sandon Schultz

Year 12 – Trent King, Isaac McPherson, Quinn Woods & Tenaya Zanker

### SILVER AWARDS

Sophie Klemm Year 8 & Brooke Morrow Year 9



# Warracknabeal Education Precinct

The dream of creating an Education Precinct in Warracknabeal, where the Primary School, Secondary College and the Special Developmental School are located close to each other and can share resources, is becoming closer to reality.

Additional land behind the Primary School was purchased a number of years ago and the 2016 State Budget allocated \$6 million towards planning and relocating the Secondary College and Special Developmental School to the Primary School site.

A three-stage plan has been developed and construction on Stage 1 will commence towards the end of this year. Stage 1 will involve building part of the Administration area, part of the Special Developmental School and part of the Secondary College. Stage 2 will see each of these areas completed. Stage 3 will conclude the process by building a new Primary School and removing the old buildings.

A Community Meeting will be held at the Primary School on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of May to explain the process and answer community questions. The projects architect and the three school Principals will be at the meeting to provide information and answer questions. Designs and documentation can be viewed from 5:00pm onwards and the Presentation by the architect will begin at 5:30pm. All school and community members are welcome to attend this meeting.



## ***Community Meeting***

**The Warracknabeal Primary School, the Warracknabeal Secondary College & the Warracknabeal Special Developmental School would like to invite interested parties to a Community Meeting explaining the future development of an Education Precinct for Warracknabeal.**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Warracknabeal Primary School**

**Designs – 5:00**

**Presentation & Questions – 5:30pm**

**The Projects architect and the three Principals will present information and answer questions.**

# Game of Tiaras News

The cast had their first rehearsal in the Hall on Monday night. Starting off the rehearsal with some team building activities. We then broke into two groups and went through different scenes separately before re-joining to rehearse the final scene of the production together as a whole cast. We have a lot of work to do, however, the cast is working terrifically as a team. Cast members need to be working on learning their lines, family and friends could support cast members by offering to read lines with them.

The production team and myself would like to ***congratulate*** Chelsie King (Little Mermaid) on winning the **Production Poster competition**. Chelsie's design will be used to promote the production; it will be used on the tickets & production programs and also on the cast & crew T-Shirts. Well done Chelsie!

Cast members are reminded that they need to attend **every** rehearsal, even if their character role is not in the scene. It is important for cast members to watch the progression of the play.

As we enter colder months cast members are encouraged to bring warm clothes to rehearsals, as the Hall can be very chilly. We also have a short 10-15 minute break at 4:30pm and students can bring afternoon tea to eat then.

Week 6 is *Education Week*! On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May from 3:30-4:00pm family and community members are invited to a **"sneak preview"** of the play. The cast of *Game of Tiaras* will perform a short scene from the play to promote the production and also support Education Week!

Costumes costumes costumes, the production team & cast would like to thank the Warracknabeal Arts Council & Julie Pearson for the costumes they have already generously donated to the production. However we are still searching for specific costumes for our lead roles. *Cinderella, Snow White, Prince Charming, Belle, the Little Mermaid and Elsa (Frozen)* are just some costumes we will need to either buy or if possible have made. The production team is calling out to the community for help. If you are handy with a sewing machine and wouldn't mind dedicating some time to the production, we would like to have costumes made for our cast. I will be sourcing patterns for costumes this week. We will provide the materials needed for the costumes to be made. Alternatively, if you have one of the costumes listed (in sizes that would fit our teenage cast; eg not child size) the production would like to either hire or buy it from you.

**We appreciate the community's continued support**

**Natalie Gordon**

*Game of Tiaras Director.*



**Types of costumes needed**





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# Focus on Melbourne

16 May - 21 June 2017

## Focus on Melbourne

Our Focus on Melbourne Information session evenings give you the opportunity to explore your study options and choose your pathway to success.

- Explore majors, breadth options, electives, internships and research opportunities in your chosen faculty
- Map out your pathway to graduate study and career possibilities
- Work out how to see the world while studying overseas
- Enrich your degree with a Concurrent Diploma in an area you're passionate about
- Hear from current students and staff, and get a glimpse of uni life first hand
- Confirm prerequisite subjects and entry requirements, including for our Special Entry and Access Schemes

Register now online to get all your questions answered and make an informed choice.

### Course Information Sessions 2017

Focus on Biomedicine, Tuesday 16 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Arts, Tuesday 6 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Agriculture, Wednesday 17 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Design, Wednesday 7 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Veterinary Science, Thurs 18 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Law, Thursday 8 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Engineering, Tuesday 23 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Music, Tuesday 13 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on IT, Wednesday 24 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Fine Arts, Tuesday 20 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Science, Tuesday 30 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Education, Wednesday 21 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Commerce, Wednesday 31 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	

## BreastScreen Victoria's Mobile Screening Service is coming to Warracknabeal

Appointments from  
9 to 31 May

You'll find us at  
Rural Northwest Health  
Warracknabeal Campus  
18 Dimboola Rd  
Warracknabeal 3393



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## YARRILINKS

*the planting weekend that brings people together*

**call for host families May 19, 20 & 21 2017**

### **An opportunity to experience cultural diversity in your own home.**

Yarrilinks invites city-based migrants and community members to mix and mingle at a tree planting day. We need people to host these visitors for the weekend.

#### **What we ask our host families to do**

- Pick up and deliver your volunteer at nearest pick up points during the weekend
- Provide supper for your volunteer on Friday night
- Provide a warm and comfortable bed for two nights
- Provide breakfast on Sunday morning and spend some time with your guests

If you can host or have any questions please contact:  
**Rae Talbot** on 0429 868167 or email: [talbotr@wcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:talbotr@wcma.vic.gov.au)